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SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN OF WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (AUGUST 14-25)

1. IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN DAS DALLEY AND C. V. NARASIMHAN, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UPCOMING WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, LATTER NOTED HIS HOPE TO ARRANGE FOR CHOICE OF STRONG CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN FROM AFRICAN COUNTRY. DEPT. IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING IDENTITY OF CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN NOMINEE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. UNDERSTAND THAT NARASIMHAN IS NOW IN GENEVA AND WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL END OF CONFERENCE. REQUEST AMBASSADOR USE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS AND PROSPECTS WITH NARASIMHAN AND, IF POSSIBLE, ASCERTAIN NAME OF CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN NOMINEE. DEPT. HAS BEEN RECEIVING FROM MISSION GENEVA REGULAR POUCHED TRANSLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MITTALS OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS INCLUDING COPY OF GENERAL INTRODUCTORY PAPER PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (DOC. A/CONF. 92/4) AND PAPER ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK (DOC. A/CONF. 92/3). WE ARE THEREFORE UP-TO-DATE ON GENERAL CON-

FERENCE ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. IN ADDITION TO IDENTITY OF CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OUR OTHER PRINCIPAL CONCERN IS LIKLIHOOD OF EMERGENCE OF ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF ENDORSEMENT CONTAINED IN FINAL DECLARATION OF BELGRADE NAM CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS IN FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"THE MINISTERS RECALLED THAT THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE REAFFIRMED THAT ZIONISM REPRESENTS A FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND THAT IT APPEALED TO THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO BEAR THIS FACT IN MIND AT ITS MEETING IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CONDEMNING RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TO BE CONVENED IN GENEVA, IN AUGUST 1978."

DEPT. WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED TO HAVE NARASIMHAN'S LATEST VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.

4. IF NARASIMHAN RAISES HIS PREVIOUS SUGGESTION FOR HIGH LEVEL MESSAGE FROM USG TO CONFERENCE (GENEVA 9330) YOU SHOULD SAY THAT NO DECISION YET MADE. VANCE

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